

Town of Buffalo
Regular Meeting Minutes
September 9th, 2019
@ 7:00 p.m.
Buffalo Town Hall

Present-Scott Kempley, Roger Wallis & Jean Rataczak & Laurie Beahm
Others Present-11

The Regular Town board meeting was called to order @ 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance
Motion to approve the agenda by Roger Wallis
Second by Scott Kempley.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The board reviewed the August 2019 minutes. Motion to approve the August minutes, by Roger Wallis
Second by Scott Kempley
IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

The Clerk & Treasurer gave the financial reports.

Motion to approve the financial reports as read by Scott Kempley. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR – 2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried

The Treasurer stated that Sept 15th the Emergency Fund CD comes due- Motion BY Roger Wallis to go with the higher rate of 2.25% for 11 months and renew the CD. Second by Scott Kempley.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The board reviewed 6 building permits for the month.

The board reviewed the vouchers presented.

Motion to approve the vouchers as presented by Scott Kempley

Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS

The board discussed the cemetery ordinance that is needed in the township. The board will need to apply for a variance in order to split off the church and give it to the Friends of John Muir. The process of splitting off the church is still in the process. The board is still working on getting everything in order to finalize.

The Clerk asked if while waiting for the ordinance to be finalized could the board do a resolution to set the prices for the lots for the cemeteries. Charles Church the Town Lawyer stated that that should be able to be done.

The Clerk also asked if a resolution could be done for hiring an employee to take care of the cemeteries. Again Charles Church said that should be ok and then it could be incorporated in to the Ordinance.

The board asked for clarification on the ordinance regarding grave placement. The board discussed the pricing of the Lots.

Motion by Scott Kempley to make the Oaklawn and the UP cemetery Lots \$100 per lot. The board will prepare and sign a resolution stating the pricing. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

Scott Kempley made a motion to close the Rood Cemetery and that John and Ken Mcqwin would take care of the maintenance of the cemetery until death or until they no longer were able. The board will prepare and sign a resolution stating this. Second by Roger Wallis.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

It was mentioned that the Flag Pole at Oaklawn cemetery needed to be repaired. The flag pole either needs to be repaired or taken down. Scott Kempley & Roger Wallis stated that he would look at it.

The board discussed the requirements for hiring someone to mark the lots and take care of helping to document the purchases. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. It was suggested to take applications for the position depending on how the board decides to handle the position.

The board discussed the railroad bridge on 16th road. Chairman Scott Kempley read an article on MLS that is a reimbursement program. The board will check in to this to see if our bridge qualifies for this program. The board discussed getting a grant writer to help. The board will follow up with the towns association.

NEW BUSINESS

Jessie Schable gave a speech on the town Insurance policy. Jessie gave the town board a proposal for the policy based on the current policy. The board will hear from Rural Insurance who is the current agent at the October meeting. The board will vote on the proposals at the October meeting.

Bunny Paul-Town Citizen asked questions on the policy that was presented. The board and the clerk asked questions to clarify the policy.

The board reviewed the draft tax letter insert for 2020.

Motion by Roger Wallis to accept the letter. Second by Scott Kempley.

IN FAVOR-2 OPPOSED-0 MOTION CARRIED.

The board discussed the date for the Public Budget Hearing. The board discussed changing the November board meeting due to the Treasurer not being able to attend. The Regular Town board meeting will be held on November 18th. It was decided to have the Public Budget Hearing on November 18th at 7:00 p.m. prior to the Regular Town Board meeting. The date to Adopt the Levy and set the mil rate will be decided at the October Regular Town Board meeting.

CITIZENS & BOARD CONCERNS

Shane Dedrick asked questions regarding the Dumping Ordinance. Asked if as long as we have an ordinance for this then when is it taken care of and who looks in to this. The board will try to check in to some of these complaints. The board will look in to writing citations for these problems. Shane Dedrick also asked about shutting the ATV route down for the winter months. All complaints need to go to the Sheriffs department. The board will also contact the club to help keep an eye on any problems.

Upcoming meeting dates:

1. Thursday October 3rd, 2019 Land Use Planning meeting (if needed)
2. Thursday October 10th, 2019 Board Budget workshop-
3. Monday October 14th, 2019 @ 7:00 p.m. Regular Town Board Meeting

Motion to Adjourn by Roger Wallis Second by Scott Kempley

IN FAVOR- 2 OPPOSED- 0 MOTION CARRIED

MEETING ADJOURNED